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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES SUMMARY REPORT ON COUNCIL
SESSION RELATING TO AMB. GRUBEL'S WP-6 PRESENTATION.
BASED ON REPORTED GENERAL COMMENTS OF GRUBEL AND OTHER
DELEGATIONS, WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THEY ARE NOT FULLY
VERSED ON THE EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN WP-6
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MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE PURPOSE AND RATIONALE OF THE OECD

GENERAL UNDERSTANDING ON EXPORT CREDITS FOR SHIPS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT. MOREOVER, WE REMAIN DUBIOUS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF ANY REAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF US POLICY AND CONSIDER CONTINUING PRESSURE FOR "EXPERT CONSULTATIONS" AS SELF-SERVING EFFORT ON THE PART OF A FEW OECD WP-6 MEMBERS.

2. NONETHELESS, IN AN EFFORT TO MOLLIFY AMB. GRUBEL ET. AL, MISSION MAY INFORM HIM THAT THE US STILL DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CONSULTATIONS ARE REALLY NECESSARY OR CALLED FOR, REITERATING THAT THE US DOES NOT PROVIDE EXPORT CREDITS FOR THE SALE ABROAD OF VESSELS CONSTRUCTED IN U.S.

SHIPYARDS, NOR ARE OUR YARDS COMPETITIVE WITH THEIR EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS. HOWEVER, IF AMB. GRUBEL FEELS OTHER DELEGATIONS DO HAVE ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS RE US POLICY, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HAPPY TO RESPOND TO ANY WRITTEN QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES THEREON. KISSINGER

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